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- The Ili Group has demanded that all Chinese Central Government troops and civil officials withdraw from Sinkiang Province by 1 October 1949.
- 2. On the morning of 2 September 1949, Chinese troops, largely of the medical and supply services, began to evacuate Tihua. The main military hospital was closed that same day, and its staff sent to Kashgar. The patients were sent home or transferred to other hospitals. Truck movements along the road to Turfan and Kashgar continued all night and there was much activity on the morning of 3 September 1949. Neither martial law nor curfew had as yet been
- The Chinese residents in Tihua were panicky, and most had moved into the walled portion of the city. They feared a period of mob rule and looting during the period between the breakdown of Chinese control and the arrival of the Ili troops.

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